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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Medicaid coverage of maternity care
2 including doula care.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATERNITY CARE
2 INCLUDING DOULA CARE. Under both fee-for-service and managed
3 care administration of Medicaid, the department of health and
4 human services shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A,
5 amend any contract with a managed care organization, and apply
6 for any Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver as may be
7 necessary to provide for maternity care including doula care.
8 For the purposes of this section, "doula" means a trained
9 professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and
10 informational support to a pregnant person before, during, and
11 after childbirth to improve birth outcomes, prevent stillbirths
12 and infant deaths, and reduce maternal morbidity and mortality.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill relates to maternal and child health improvements
17 under the Medicaid program by directing the department of
18 health and human services under both fee-for-service and
19 managed care administration of Medicaid to adopt rules pursuant
20 to Code chapter 17A, amend any contract with a managed care
21 organization, and apply for any Medicaid state plan amendment
22 or waiver as may be necessary to provide maternity care
23 including doula care as defined in the bill.